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THAW IS DECLARED TO BE SANE

White's Slayer Wins His Long Fight for Freedom.

Favorable Verdict Returned by Jury in Hour.

COOK FAILS IN LAST ASSAULT
Pittsburgher Pictured as Insane and Dangerous Man.

Stanchfield in Able Defense
Scorches White's Memory.

New York, July 14.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, was declared sane by a jury in the supreme court, after about an hour's deliberation, at 3:45 p. m. today.

The court's decision in the matter, Justice Hendricks said, would be announced next Friday at 10:30 a. m.

New York, July 14.—The case of Harry Thaw, whose mental status has been up for determination in the supreme court by a jury before Justice Hendricks, went to the jury at 2:55 p. m. today, after a brief charge by the court.

Presentation of evidence in the sanity trial of Harry K. Thaw closed at 10:40 a. m. today and Deputy Attorney General Cook began summing up.

In a big crowd that sought admission to the courtroom today were many flashily gowned women.

"We are confronting with the problem of deciding whether this man, who shows traces of hereditary insanity on both his paternal and maternal side, is sane or insane," began Cook in his address to you of your duty as citizens and fathers."

Sketch of Gay Life.
After sketching Thaw's life, Cook launched into a bitter attack of the prisoner's life in Europe with Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw.

"This same man, this self-styled protector of innocent girls, traveled over Europe and visited with whom he was not married," he shouted, "and then when he shot White to death he calmly lifted his gun and broke it and walked over to her, kissed her and remarked: 'Dearie, I probably saved your life.'"

"When I came into this case I was informed that in the capacity of saving innocent girls Thaw was to be compared to the United States Steel corporation. I find he is only a village blacksmith."

"I find this man with all his ideal of girlhood, hiding behind a woman's skirts stained with the blood of Stanford White." Thaw paid no attention to Cook.

When Cook finished, Attorney Stanchfield began for Thaw.

Stanchfield impressed on the jury the fact that Thaw was not committed to Matteawan as punishment, because a man acquitted of a crime could not be punished. The attorney took issue with Dr. Austin Flint, chief alienist for the state, on the question of application of the "M'Naghten" law, to the present court proceedings and then detailed at length the legal vicissitudes of the Thaw case.

More Civil White's Victim.

"Counsel for the state," he said, "has dwelt at length on the traveling of Mr. Thaw with Evelyn Nesbitt as his mistress. She was a slip of a girl 15½ years old, dressed to her shoe tops and her hair hanging down her back when she fell into the clutches of Stanford White. Gentlemen, I want to say to you that there is a difference as wide as that separating the hemispheres between a man who rapes an innocent young girl and a man who has relations with a woman."

"For his relations with this girl, every red blooded man will admit that Thaw made as great reparation as is possible for a man to make a woman under those circumstances. He married her, loved her, gave her everything he could."

Stanchfield detailed Thaw's emotional nature and outlined the strain under which he labored after Evelyn told him of her ruin at White's hands.

WOMAN IS HELD SLAYER

Mrs. Mollie Washburn of Little Rock Is Sentenced for Life.

Little Rock, Ark., July 14.—A jury found Mrs. Mollie Washburn guilty of first degree murder for shooting and killing J. H. South, 62, a carpenter, here June 5, and fixed her punishment at life imprisonment.

Evidence showed that Mrs. Washburn was jealous because South had been paying attentions to Mrs. Evelyn Conant, 35, proprietress of a delicatessen shop. Mrs. Washburn followed South into the delicatessen shop and when she found him talking to Mrs. Conant, shot him in the head, killing him instantly.

She then shot Mrs. Conant, who has recovered, although she was dangerously wounded.

NORSE SLAP AT BRITAIN

Sweden, Norway and Denmark Object to Shipping Interference.

Berlin, July 14.—A dispatch from Stockholm to the Overseas News agency says the Swedish minister in London has delivered to the British government a sharp protest "against the perpetual molestation of Swedish commerce."

Norway and Denmark, the message adds, support the protest.

WHAT THAW'S LONG FIGHT FOR FREEDOM HAS COST

\$1,000,000—Estimated cost to Thaw family for his first two trials in New York on murder charge.

\$350,000—Estimated cost of first two trials to New York taxpayers.

\$125,000—Cost to Thaw family in three later attempts to prove his sanity.

\$50,000—Estimated cost to Thaw family of his escape from Matteawan and flight to Canada.

\$200,000—Estimated cost to Thaw family of his trial on conspiracy charge and his present trial.

\$75,000—Estimated cost of Thaw's last two trials to New York taxpayers.

OTHER HIGH STAKES IN THAW'S CAREER.

Enjoyed an allowance of \$80,000 per year before reaching his majority.

Spent \$50,000 for a single dinner in Paris to a number of stage beauties.

Lost \$40,000 in one poker game in Pittsburgh in 1900.

IN A PRETTY MESS

The Troubles of Wyandotte Politicians Are Increasing.

A Suit of Ouster Is Filed Against T. E. Lyons.

ACTION AGAINST HARRY DEAN

Charges Against Both Men Are Full of Sensations.

Situation Aggravated by Fact That They Are Enemies.

More trouble descended today on the heads of Wyandotte county politicians when suits were filed in the Wyandotte court by the county seeking the ouster of Timothy E. Lyons, county commissioner; and action to recover \$2,420 from Harry E. Dean, former secretary of the Panama-Pacific exposition commission.

Lyons and Dean are faithful and ardent personal and political enemies. Dean is a commissioner of the county and Lyons is a legislator. Lyons has indicated that he is willing to employ a lawyer to assist in the prosecution of Dean.

The filing of the suits in Wyandotte county is the direct result of investigations started several months ago by S. M. Brewster, attorney general. The cases are brought by County Attorney Meeks. It was not until after Meeks had been summoned to Topeka to talk with Brewster that he saw the light and showed more than a passing interest in the case.

Charges against Timothy Lyons concern his official record. In the petition seeking his ouster from office as county commissioner, it is charged that he has been derelict of duty, guilty of misconduct in office and has appropriated public property to his own use.

Charges Against Lyons.
When a recent investigation of the Lyons charges was held in Topeka, Topeka County Auditor Worthington appeared before Governor Carnahan and told of the alleged misconduct of Lyons. He asserted that Lyons had sent to his farm in Anderson county certain items belonging to the county and that he had also appropriated to his own use building materials owned by the county.

In the case against Dean, it is charged by the state that he was illegally paid a salary of \$2,420 while acting as secretary of the Panama-Pacific exposition commission. The petition also charges that Dean, during the recent legislative session, Gossip in political circles is to the effect that Lyons and his friends were behind the Dean investigation. On the other hand, Dean and his followers have been looking for Lyons's scalp with a knife and lantern. The men have been recognized as bitter political enemies, although both are Democrats.

In the case against Lyons, Dean will appear as an attorney of record for the state. And as evidence of appreciation the Lyons following may be expected to offer any possible assistance in compelling Dean to return the \$2,420 to the state. In fact, it is asserted Lyons might be induced to go so far as to offer the services of a private attorney to help prosecute the Dean case.

Petitions in both the Dean and Lyons cases were filed today in the Wyandotte district court.

YOUTH HONORS QUIGLEY

Five Thousand Chicago School Children in Solemn Tribute.

Chicago, July 14.—Five thousand children marched today, escorting the body of Archbishop James Edward Quigley from the archiepiscopal residence to the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Hundreds of adults were turned away from the cathedral to make room for the children, whose welfare was the chief interest of the late churchman's life.

The cathedral's solemn pontifical requiem mass was celebrated. The body will lie in state until midnight. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Cardinal Gibbons, Papal Delegate Bonzano and many other church dignitaries are expected to attend.

BASEBALL TODAY

WESTERN LEAGUE.
Denver at St. Joe—game postponed; wet grounds.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.
At Buffalo—First game. R.H.E. Score: 4 5 1
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Batteries—Falkenberg, Brandon and Rariden; Anderson and Blair.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Columbus at Milwaukee—Game postponed; rain.

GERMANS SEIZE FRENCH POSITIONS IN THE ARGONNE

Push Opponents Back Along Front of Two Miles.

Storm Hill No. 285 and Make Prisoners of 2,500.

ITALIANS CUT WIDE SWATH

Capture Two Miles of Austrian Trenches in Carnic Alps.

Berlin Reports 43 Merchant Ships Sunk in June.

The German thrust at Verdun has resulted in an important gain of ground, according to the current official statement from Berlin. In the Argonne the Germans report having captured French positions along a front of a mile and four-fifths, the gain extending to a depth of three-fifths of a mile.

The Germans have also stormed Hill 285.

The Berlin report says the Kaiser's forces claim they made 2,881 prisoners, to have taken two field cannon and to have rendered eight cannon useless.

French Report Check.
The latest French official statement claims that German attacks in the Argonne were definitely stopped.

Reports of an Italian victory in the Carnic Alps with two miles of Austrian trenches captured have been received by a Geneva newspaper.

The Alpine troops, these advices say, dragged their artillery to the heights near Reschach which is situated at an altitude of 5,600 feet.

The Italians also are said to have captured two important ports south of Gorizia.

Many Ships Sent Down.
Figures given out in Berlin show the sinking of forty-three merchant vessels by German submarines during the month of June, the tonnage of destroyed shipping, including fishing craft, totalling 125,000 tons.

Almost complete silence veils the situation in the eastern war theater. Petrograd reports no engagements in Southern Poland or Eastern Galicia, and both Vienna and Berlin declare conditions in this territory are unchanged.

Rome reports chronicle a raid by Italian airmen on a large Austrian camp in the neighborhood of Gorizia, which is declared to have been successful. The Austrian statement says an infantry attack was repulsed near Redipula.

German engineers are strengthening the defenses of Constantinople. A huge scale, according to advices through Mytilene received in London.

Two papers say they have been informed by the British censors withholding matter bearing on their presentation of the case.

TO HELP PACKERS

State Department in Formal Protest to Great Britain.

Decision to Act Follows Meeting of Meat Men With Lansing

Washington, July 14.—After conferences with representatives of the leading American meat packers today, state department officials said formal representations would be made to Great Britain for the release of neutral meat cargoes detained by British naval authorities. The character of the representations has not been decided.

Representatives of the meat packers met at the state department today in another effort to adjust their cases. The delegation was headed by Arthur Meeker of Armour & Co., chief representative of the packing industry, and included at the end of their last conference here in March they expected their case would be settled.

In the prize court of London their cases were postponed on June 6 and still are awaiting adjournment. The packers say they have been embarrassed by the British censors withholding matter bearing on their presentation of the case.

CROPS STILL GOOD

Prospects for Billion Bushel Wheat Yield Continue

Growing Cereal Has Favorable Week Over Belt

Washington, July 14.—Prospects for the billion bushels wheat crop continued to grow during the week ended yesterday. Spring wheat had the most favorable week of the season over much of the belt, and the outlook everywhere is most promising.

The national weather and crop bulletin by rain, much ripe wheat being still uncut. In southern portions of the belt and Pacific coast states harvesting is progressing satisfactorily and good yields are reported.

Corn was favored with conditions somewhat better than during the preceding weeks, but is being retarded in the more northern portions of the belt. Elsewhere, however, it made more rapid growth and is reported as selling as far north as Central Kansas, with prospects of an excellent crop.

Rain is delaying harvesting of oats in some sections and promising too heavy growth and rust in others, but on the whole the crop outlook continued excellent.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN STUNT.

Cleveland, O., July 14.—James K. Hackett, not THE James K., was arraigned before Municipal Judge McGannon, on a charge of begging.

"Are you an actor?" asked the judge.

"I am not a relative of the actor, Hackett," answered the prisoner, "but sometimes I do a Charlie Chaplin stunt to get a few cents."

"Costs and thirty days," announced the judge, "we need a good entertainer at the prison farm."

FRAME UP RACE?

Johnny Evers Makes Grave Charges Against Magnates.

He Accuses Umpires of "Working Under Instructions."

Boston, Mass., July 14.—The Boston American prints the following: "They are trying to get the crowds out; they've ordered a close race."

So loudly shouted Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston Braves, from the ball field at Fenway park Monday afternoon.

Evers made his "speech" at the end of the seventh inning in the closing contest with the St. Louis Cardinals, after Chief Umpire Rigler declared the Boston Braves safe at the plate on a close decision. The verdict cost the Braves the game.

"They're trying to get the crowds out; they've ordered a close race," Evers shouted, "Leave 'em alone, boys; they're only following out instructions."

Umpires Rigler and Hart glared at Evers, but allowed him to express his opinion of current happenings in the National league without "calling" him or running him out of the game.

Several hundred fans plainly heard Evers's remarks and a handful or more forcibly applauded him as he finally strutted down into the Braves' dugout.

SUES K. C. YARDS

Santa Fe After \$32,303.25 Alleged Trackage Judgment.

Railroad Carries Stock Yards Dispute to Federal Tribunals.

Removal suit from the Shawnee county district court for \$32,303.25, alleged trackage charges illegally withheld by the defendant, was filed with Mort Albaugh, clerk of the United States district court, by the Kansas City Stock Yards company.

The railroad claims that between April 8, 1914, and May 15, 1915, an amounting in all to \$32,303.25, of stock consigned to commission men or live stock salesmen having offices in the stock yards, were delivered at Kansas City, Mo., by the railroad.

Men turned the freight charges over to the stock yards company, the railroad claims that 75 cents a car, amounting in all to \$32,303.25, was withheld by the Kansas City company. The Santa Fe claims that the money is withheld wholly without agreement or contract.

HIT BY A CAR.

Walter Stewart of Mayetta Is Painfully Injured.

Walter Stewart, a Mayetta man, narrowly escaped death when he was whirled partially under a southbound North Topeka-Washburn street car at Second and Kansas avenues this afternoon about 1 o'clock.

As a result of the accident he sustained a deep cut in his right temple, a bruised shoulder and painful bruises on both elbows. His injuries are not serious.

He was standing in the middle of the track when he saw the car bearing down upon him. Stewart leaped back, was caught by the corner of the fender and was whirled under the side of the car. The hub of the rear truck caught in his clothing and dragged him along for some distance.

He was taken to the office of Dr. A. H. Marshall, Second and Kansas avenues, where his wounds were dressed.

Stewart is custodian of the school building at Mayetta. He and his wife have charge of the telephone office at Mayetta.

GERMANY HAS THE CASH

Financial Situation Reported Fine to Hold Out Till Victory.

Berlin, July 14.—A conference in Berlin of the finance ministers of several German states approved the presentation of the presiding officer, Dr. Karl Helfferich, the secretary of the German imperial treasury, regarding Germany's financial situation.

The war loan and taxation and other measures to be submitted at the meeting of the Reichstag, including gains from the manufacture of materials, were also discussed.

All the ministers present agreed that Germany's financial situation was most favorable and that the nation resolved to hold out until a victorious peace was assured.

KIMMEL, THIEF, IN CELL

Notorious Insurance Claimant Pleads Guilty to Burglary.

St. Charles, Mo., July 14.—Charles A. Kimmel, a notorious insurance claimant, who figured in the sensational insurance case at St. Louis two years ago, today pleaded guilty to third degree burglary in the circuit court here, and was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Kimmel was arrested ten months ago and has been in jail since, waiting trial, following the robbery of a store at Weldon Springs, near here.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.
Unsettled tonight and Thursday; showers—probably thunderstorms—no much change in temperature.

CARRANZA WAYS GRAFFY WILSON IS BELIEF TODAY

All Signs Point to Recognition of First Chief.

Confidence Rules Where Once Distrust Held Sway.

BUT ONE KILLED IN CAPITAL

Dire Punishment for Man Who Slew Swiss.

Arms to Carranza; None to Villa and Zapata.

Washington, July 14.—All accounts from Mexico strengthened the conviction here today that General Carranza will be recognized by the Washington administration.

Officialdom admitted that his course, following his forces' capture of Mexico City, has been an agreeable surprise to them. There was no denial that some of his past methods misled the administration to doubt his ability even to temporarily control Mexican affairs.

Carranza Wins Favor.
With the fall of the capital, however, he adopted a policy which admittedly was looked on here with the highest favor. Not only did he show a disposition to restore order, but he gave signs of ability actually to do it.

That he would have some further trouble with Villa and Zapata was considered inevitable. Official intimations were given that this would not be ground for withholding recognition from him. By allowing him to receive ammunition and other supplies, the difficulty could be solved.

Villa's Star Is Fading.
His agency here continued to report activity by General Villa, between Leon and Irapuato, but it was believed his campaign was on its last legs.

Messages from Vera Cruz said General Carranza would inflict dire punishment upon the Zapatistas who killed a Swiss, the only foreigner who lost his life during the evacuation of the City of Mexico.

CARRANZA ERECTS WIRELESS.

Station at Chapultepec to Insure Uninterrupted Communication.

Washington, July 14.—General Carranza has ordered the erection of a wireless station at Chapultepec to insure constant communication between him and the capital.

Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz so reported today after having been in direct communication with the Brazilian minister in the city.

Food supplies, chiefly corn, are arriving in the city, Mr. Silliman added, and General Gonzales has announced that he will give preference to supply trains over troop trains entering the city.

At a conference yesterday between the Brazilian minister, the British charge and representatives of the Carranza forces, full guarantees of protection were given with the notice that there would be severe punishment for any infraction of the order.

Other dispatches from Mexico City that General Gonzales had captured the waterworks, which had been cut off by the Zapata forces evacuating the city.

Another message to the state department said General Villa evidently had evacuated the city and the forces which had been in conflict with General Obregon's troops near that point proceeding northward.

STRIKE RANKS SWELLED

Twenty-one Thousand Pants Makers Out; May Be 70,000.

New York, July 14.—The ranks of the striking pants makers were increased today by 11,000 workers, making the total number out on strike approximately 21,000. Of those who went out today five thousand were knee pants makers and 6,000 were vest makers.

The mayor's council of conciliation met today to discuss the situation and avert if possible a strike of 50,000 women garment workers.

The women are acting independently of the men, although the demands are substantially the same. In addition, leaders in the unions of other male garment workers were prepared, they said, to call out approximately 70,000 more men, should such a step be thought necessary.

OIL ON BED; TWO DEAD

Fire in Home of San Antonio Family of Incendiary Origin.

San Antonio, Tex., July 14.—A fire which broke out in a bedroom at the home of J. F. Rowan here early this morning, causing the death of two persons and the serious burning of three, is believed to have been incendiary in its origin, as the bedding and clothing in the room were found to have been soaked with kerosene.

Mrs. Rowan and her 3-year-old son Paul died at the city hospital.

The father and eldest son were out of the city.

WHEAT UP 5 1-2c.

Sensational Advance in July on Chicago Exchange.

Chicago, July 14.—Wheat made a wild advance in price today, jumping up 5½ cents a bushel in some cases, as compared with last night. Just before the close, the July option sold as high as \$1.18, against \$1.10½ at yesterday's finish.

The upward rush of values was largely the result of new reports of black rust infection in the chief producing states of the spring crop belt, and because of signs of liberal buying for Europe.

BOMBS PLACED IN BOSTON; PLOT TO KILL GOVERNOR

Boston, July 14.—An afternoon paper announces the receipt of an anonymous communication in which the writer, describing himself as a German spy, stated that two bombs have been placed in the custom tower, and that they will be exploded "about Friday."

Also the governor is to be killed, according to the message, which was crudely lettered with a lead pencil.

It was turned over to the police, who recently examined a similar threat against the custom house, without determining whether the writer was a crank or a practical joker.

BIG ROW STARTS

Public Utilities Commission Is Called In to Settle It.

Mutual Phone Companies Plan Battle With Corporations.

WAITING FOR LEGISLATURE NOW

Both Sides Anxious to Take Troubles to Session Laws.

May Tie a Mill Stone Around Neck of All Mutuals.

One of the finest rows Kansas has seen in many days is to be staged by the mutual telephone companies and the giant telephone corporations and independent companies. Up in Washington county a new angle of the operations of the mutual companies has developed and both the mutual companies and the profit sharing corporations are waiting for an opportunity to do things to the enemy when the next legislature convenes.

The public utilities commission has been called into the row at Barnes, Washington county, and both the organized corporations and the mutual companies are demanding concessions. The case is not limited to local concerns. It is being watched by telephone officials and operators in every section of the state, and the commission's decision will be but a stepping stone to a real fight between the state legislature in 1917.

Mutuals' Gain.
For several months mutual companies of various character have been taking a new foothold in Kansas. Co-operative stores and elevators have been organized in many towns in the state, and the mutual companies are planning a real fight against the giant telephone companies—both the Bell company and local independent corporations operating for profit.

In the Barnes case an effort was made to buy the local plant, but failed. Then a mutual company was organized. A set of by-laws has been drawn up which would make the mutuals absolutely free and expenses met by patrons. No charge would be made, under the by-laws, for messages by non-subscribers, nor would relations be established with toll lines or competitive companies on a financial basis.